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Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 7-18-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for DME item L0565.

II. FINDINGS

The respondent denied reimbursement based upon "Z – Treatment or service provided require preauthorization was requested by the healthcare provider and denied, therefore, the treatment or service is not reimbursed."

III. RATIONALE

DOS	CPT CODE	Billed	Paid	EOB Denial Code	MAR\$ (Maximum Allowable Reimbursement)	Reference	Rationale
7-26-02	L0565	\$495.00	\$0.00	Z	DOP	Rule 134.600 Section 413.011(b)	DME item does not require preauthorization because under \$500.00. The requestor supported amount billed complied with Section 413.011(b), the difference between amount billed and amount paid = \$495.00.
TOTAL							The requestor is entitled to reimbursement of \$495.00.

IV. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT code(s) L0565 in the amount of \$ 495.00. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit \$495.00 plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 12th day of March 2004.

Elizabeth Pickle Medical Dispute Resolution Officer Medical Review Division